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## THE GIRL HERSELF.

'Twas not her bonnet it is true;
'Twas not her locks so nice and new
That fixed my idly roving eye
That autumn day as she passed by
I can't tell you how 'twas made,
I can't tell the ribbon's shade,
Nor just the color of the wreath—
I only saw the face beneath

I noticed not her dress the while,
If it were made in latest style,
With crescent flounce or basque to fit,
Or furbelows adorning it
If any shoes been of flimsy wear
I did not take a note of care
For all my eyes were fixed upon
Were centered on the girl inside

Oh, oh! was ever form so fair
The prettiest girl up on the street
Paled in the light of her radiance
Then blushed, then blew like rose
Though many an other maiden's seen
Her outfit attracted by her clothes
This one though well may dwell with pelf,
Would have no rival to herself

If I should meet her some day by chance
You'd give her more than passing glance,
And note perhaps with some surprise
Her perfect mouth her lovely eyes
But oh I warn you not to let
Your heart escape its bounds as yet!
Else a spoken for—the charming elf!
I am going to marry her myself!

—New York Ledger

## A TELESCOPIC VIEW.

The cab having gone off to Switzerland to look for Monsieur (and to propose to her) I informed William that it was my intention to return to town without delay.

So William said, 'Then I shall come and stay with you.'

I let him come. I knew why he want ed to come. He wanted to come because he wanted to pay calls at the Jungle and see Miss Ethel Mainwaring. William therefore, accompanied me, and it soon became clear to me that his visit was to be one of some duration. However, as he spent most of his time hovering between Lord's and the Jungle—partaking of many meals at the latter where—his stay did not put me to much expense which was gratifying, as my means, though quite sufficient for one single gentleman, will not stand being divided between two single gentlemen. I have often remarked to the cashier of the London Corman that it is strange how badly off most writers on finance are—the many of fate, I suppose—but he only replies, 'I subscribe to both papers myself, sir, they're very good—[illegible]

The foregoing utterances are supposed to [illegible] many days after more than three weeks. I was making some humorous remarks about a company which had been started to insure young men against twins when there came two [illegible] knocks at the door—two lifeless knocks, two abjectly miserable knocks. Mr Charles Johnson the clerk knew who it was. He is in love himself with a young lady in a Fleet street tea shop and sympathizes with the cub. As gently, the cub, as a trained nurse did Mr Johnson open the door, and it was with an air of the deepest condolence that he ushered Master John Mainwaring into my presence.

'Oh, how are you?' I cried cheerfully.

'Ripping, thanks,' he replied, in a tone such as condemned murderers would use in reply to Mr Billington's [illegible]

Then he flung himself into a chair and laughed bitterly.

'I wish I were dead—dead!' he then remarked.

This was getting serious. Here was a young gentleman aged 23, possessed of [illegible] means, splendid health and all those other things which make life worth living, don't you know, wishing he were no more—wishing he were a cold corpse.

I knew, of course. Getting up, I marched into Charles Johnson's unwilling office to find that blushing youth deep in a penny booklet entitled "Wooed, Won and Wed or True Love Triumphs Over All." I gave Mr Johnson some directions, and presently he came in with two steaks, a mountain of vegetables and a large bottle of Lord Bass.

'Now, Mainwaring,' I said, 'I'll say grace to save time, and you set to.'

He demurred at first, but finally allowed himself to be persuaded. The scene that followed fairly beggars description. When the cub had finished, I said, as he lit his pipe:

'So she won't have you?'

To my surprise, he did not do or say anything violent, but went on lighting his pipe. I was inwardly congratulating myself on the success of the meal now I had taken in order to depress the cub's fun-real ideas, when he suddenly remarked:

'This is my last pipe.'

'Going to train for something, then?'

'This is the last pipe I shall ever smoke.'

'You'll find it difficult to give up tobacco so suddenly.'

He puffed solemnly for a few moments, and then, pointing with the stem of his briar to the cleared decks, he said:

"I have eaten my last meal."

It now struck me that there was something more than mere training in the cub's self abnegation. There was that in his cold blooded speeches which chilled me, which produced a curious sensation in my scalp, which would doubtless have caused my hair to stand on end had the quantity there been sufficient to undergo the process. I gazed at him with a pating face.

For quite three minutes he said nothing but smoked steadily. Feeling thoroughly uncomfortable, I took up my pen and began to write. I had hardly covered a line, however, when the cub observed in an offhand tone:

'In short, I am going to kill myself.'

'Nonsense!'

I was determined not to take him seriously, you see.

'Yes,' he continued. "Either with this"—drawing a little white bottle labeled poison from his waistcoat pocket—"this"—producing a razor from the depths of the inside breast pocket of his coat—"or this"—whipping, with a dexterity that would have done credit to Mr Maskelyne, a tiny revolver out of some other part of his apparel.

'You are well provided,' I said chaffingly, although I felt nervous at being in such close proximity to so deadly an outfit.

'Yes,' he said, toying with the revolver, "I am going to make sure of it. I shall first swallow the poison, then cut my throat and then shoot myself through the brain."

He tried the edge of the razor on his finger, and, uncorking the bottle, sniffed at its contents with an evident relish.

I turned cold to my finger tips. Great heavens! Was it all a dream? I rubbed my eyes and gazed at the cub. No, it was grim reality, every bit of it. The girl had refused him, and so he had concluded that the best way out of his misery was to commit suicide.

The tobacco began to bowl and burn in the bottom of his pipe bowl. His last smoke was drawing to a close. And then—

I threw him my pouch.

"More 'baccy?"

He placed it politely on the [illegible] desk.

"No, thanks—finished now." And he rose from his chair and walked to the window. "I should just like to take a last look at the sun shining on the trees."

I suppose I moved, for he wheeled around like lightning.

"If you attempt to interfere with me," he said, with the same unnatural calm in his voice and manner, "I'll shoot you first, Worm, and myself afterward. So pray be careful."

"Put it off for a few minutes," I begged him. "I want to talk to you. Just tell me what has happened."

"I'm not in any particular hurry," he observed, recoating himself, "and I have no objection to telling you what has happened. But nothing you can say will alter my determination. This thing must be—I say must be." And he patted the pocket which contained the poison.

"Well, go ahead," I urged him. "Just tell me what you did after you left us so suddenly in the Doono valley."

"No need to detail the journey," he muttered, "just a sheep walk—every one goes the same way. I made tracks for Southampton, caught the night boat to Havre, went on to Rouen, thence to Paris, Paris to Geneva, and there I was."

"And then, of course, you took Monsieur—I beg pardon, Miss Rathbone—by surprise, proposed to her all in a heap, and got rejected as was quite natural. You can't rush a thing like that."

"I did not meet Miss Rathbone," said the cub coldly, "and I did not propose to her. Getting to Geneva was one thing, but finding her was quite another. People go to Geneva and make excursions all round the shops. I found out the hotel at which she was stopping, and tried to get rooms there myself, but it was full up. This was why I constantly missed her—she was always going out somewhere and whenever I followed her she always caught the train or boat that I just missed. So, although I dodged about for a fortnight, I didn't meet her once. The amount of money I spent chasing about and making inquiries and tipping people was something appalling, but of course I didn't mind that."

"Well," I said, "I don't see why you should kill yourself because you missed her in Switzerland."

"Let me go on," said the cub sternly, "and then you'll understand why. Just as I was thinking of giving it up and coming home I heard that she and her party had gone to Chamouni with the intention of ascending Mont Blanc. Of course—just my luck—I was a train and a coach behind, as you go to Glace by train and then coach on to Chamouni. When I finally got there I was told that the party I was in search of had started up some hours before. I asked whether it wouldn't be possible to catch them up, but the great fool of a guide I was talking to just laughed and made a face. Then he told me that I could watch them through a telescope, but as for catching them up that was impossible. Well," continued the cub, "I paid my money and the telescope chap put me on to them at once. He and they were nearly 4,000 feet above the valley, but I could see them as plainly as if they were only 50 yards away. There were five or six people. Just as I had got my eyes on Monsieur a great fat Johnnie who was walking a few yards behind her actually went up and—and"—

The cub paused. "Go on," I said. "What did he do?"

"Why"—with heaving chest and glaring eyes—he put his arm inside hers and began talking and laughing as if he'd known her all her life!"

"And what did she do?"

"Laughed and laughed back."

"Well?"

"Well, isn't that enough? She's engaged to him—that's clear. I came slap home and here I am. It's all over. In five minutes I shall be dead!"

I started from my chair.

"There must be some mistake," I exclaimed. "The man you saw was evidently a relative."

"I know all the members of her family," said the cub, "and there's no man like that in it. No, she's engaged. I don't care to live any longer."

"Look here, Jack," I said desperately, "let me make some inquiries. I give you my solemn word of honor that I won't say anything about your—er—intentions. Let me go to your place and try to find out the truth of the matter. Trust me not to give you away."

The sun shone out gayly just then. Perhaps the cub thought it a pity to leave it so suddenly. At any rate he said: "I won't do anything till you come back—I swear it. Now go!"

So off I went post haste to the Jungle, and when I returned with the news that evidently the cub had never heard of had suddenly returned he was willing to live long enough to try his luck and succeeded.—Exchange.

## IN LINE FOR WANAMAKER

### Indiana County Demands That a Business Man Shall be Sent to the Senate.

INDIANA, Pa., Dec. 1.—The Indiana County McKinley club at a large meeting held here passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, The office of United States senator now held by the Hon. J. D. Cameron will soon become vacant, and the next session of our general assembly will be called on to fill the said vacancy, and,

Whereas, The depression in the business, manufacturing and agricultural interests of the great state of Pennsylvania calls for the selection of a man of eminent character and business experience and having a wide knowledge of public affairs to represent us in the upper house of congress.

Be it resolved by the Indiana County McKinley club, representing more than 8,500 voters, that we hail with pleasure the announcement of the name of Hon. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, late postmaster general as a candidate for said office. No man in the state today stands higher in the estimation of the industrial classes than does Mr. Wanamaker, and no man by reason of moral, intellectual and business qualifications is more eminently fitted than he for so responsible a place.

Resolved, That we will use every honorable means at our command to promote the election of Mr. Wanamaker as our representative in the United States senate for the ensuing term. To this end we hereby most urgently request our representatives in the legislature—Hon. John McCaughey and Hon. John W. Morrow—and our senator in the state senate—Hon. J. C. Mitchell—to work and vote for the election of Mr. Wanamaker to said position, believing that thereby they will be serving the highest interests of the commonwealth and of their constituency.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our senator from this, the Thirty-seventh district, and to each of our representatives in the legislature."

### Would Add to Our Prominence.

The campaign thus launched should be pressed with vigor, and we can all rest assured that if Mr. Wanamaker is elected it will materially add to the prominence of our state in the national congress and contribute to the speedy settlement on wise lines of the grave financial question that yet confronts us. To the popular mind Mr. Wanamaker is the ideal business man, and the masses of the people want today a business man's administration. On this record he should be an easy winner over those whose only claims are past political fealty to some one or other of the self constituted leaders and bosses.—Sunbury American.

## THE FIRSTBORN.

The firstborn with the mother's arms
Embracing, in slumber lies.
Hush, lest a whisper break the charm!
Talk only with your eyes!

Husband and lover on this day
Thy one dear bride is doubly fair.
Rise! let the heart in silence pray,
While she lies smiling, there!

Look on her, love her, hold her dear,
Thy dearest gift this sacred tie
Unasked! Forsome moment here
Let all the world go by!

—J. R. Eastwood.

## A SOLDIER'S ROMANCE

Every evening after maneuvers Maurice Tournier, a young lieutenant in the reserves, was only too glad to get back to the house where he had been quartered. From the first day that he had been quartered in this house his behavior toward its occupants had been marked by great courtesy and consideration. If he happened to meet either of the two ladies in the hall or on the stairs, he would always stand aside respectfully to allow her to pass, but when the older lady, won over by his deference, invited him to dine with them he had always accepted the invitation gladly. As a rule the older lady would be lying on the sofa, while the younger one would be reading aloud. From the dictatorial tones and sudden caprices of the former and from the resigned obedience of the latter the young officer had soon guessed that it was a case of a wealthy aunt and a poor niece. The fact was that the young girl, Louise de Lery, had been left an orphan and totally unprovided for. Mme. Primeau, her greataunt and the only relative she had in the world, had therefore adopted her. Without being of a really unkind disposition, Mme. Primeau, who was a great invalid, had gradually worked on and profited by her niece's gratitude until at length the poor girl had become quite a slave. Her aunt would not suffer any one else to do anything for her. She could not bear to hear other footsteps in the room or to hear any other voice but that of Louise, and for the last five years she had thus thoughtlessly and quite unconsciously been crushing all the spirit and all the gayety out of the young girl's life.

Louise de Lery was now 25, and, though she had lost the freshness of her girlhood the young officer thought her very beautiful. Her eyes were of a deep, unchanging blue. She had an aquiline nose, arched lips and waving, chestnut colored hair with just a touch of the gold in it that one sees in autumn leaves.

Little by little had the elderly lady been won over by the gay good humor and never failing courtesy of the young officer, and so he had seen a great deal of his hostess and her niece during his month's sojourn with them.

He had delighted in Louise's conversation and society and had soon discovered that this girl, who had lived thus obscurely in the shade, possessed a mind which was only waiting for a touch of sunshine to burst into the most perfect beauty, and there was something romantic in the idea that in this old, gray looking dwelling, half buried in a little old world town, he had thus come across by chance the pale, captive princess of his dreams.

During the last week of his stay it seemed as though Mme. Primeau had scented danger, for suddenly, and apparently with at any cause, her manner toward the young man had changed. She was always cold and sarcastic when she spoke to him, and she did not invite him to dinner with her as if she were. The time was getting desperately short—only three days more—and then, through his own foolish procrastination, he would forever have lost the opportunity he now had of speaking and perhaps of winning as his wife the only woman he would ever love.

In the evening, when the two ladies happened to be sitting out in the garden, Lieutenant Tournier on his arrival took his chair, and in spite of the aggressive expression which he read in Mme. Primeau's eyes planted it near to hers and began to talk boldly about his departure, about Paris, and then about his own position and means. Then suddenly and without any leading up to it he announced the fact that he was weary of his solitary life, and that he wanted to marry and settle down. Louise, bending over her embroidery, listened to the young man was saying, just as she might have listened to one of the love stories such as her aunt adored and which she was always having to read aloud.

"But your position and your income ... If what you mention is all you have to depend upon, you surely cannot think of marrying yet awhile. For your self alone ... of course it is enough, but if you had a wife and children, why ... it would mean misery ... misery." ... And then, without giving him time to argue the point, she rose, and, on the pretext that she was getting chilly, she took Louise's arm, and the two ladies entered the house together.

Lieutenant Tournier did not see the young girl the next day, nor even the next. Mme. Primeau, whose heart was affected, had one of her bad attacks. She staid in bed for the next few days, and the young girl waited on her hand and foot, taking her meals even in the sickroom, little dreaming, in her perfect unconsciousness, that there was in the whole world any single human being who felt any interest in her and who was longing to see her.

Maurice Tournier was in despair. His departure was now so near and Louise was invisible.

He gave a message to the servant for her mistress, saying that he was leaving and would like to say "Goodby." Mme. Primeau sent a cold, polite message back, regretting that she was too ill to see any one, and not even mentioning her niece.

Maurice did not give up, though, even after that. The detachment was to leave the town at daybreak in order to spare the men the long march in the heat of the midday sun. The young lieutenant gave out that he would take his things away from the house that night and sleep at the hotel in order not to disturb the ladies in the early morning. He made a great deal of noise while packing, slamming the doors, dragging his trunk and his sword along with a clatter—in fact, letting the invalid know that he was really going off to the promises.

Two hours later, when it was just getting dusk, he returned by a narrow street to the other side of the garden, climbed the wall and then dropped down among the rosebushes. His hope was that when Mme. Primeau thought that he was out of the way she would allow her niece to go out into the garden for a breath of air after being imprisoned for two or three days.

The young man waited, his eyes fixed eagerly on the house door, dreading every instant that the servant would appear and close it for the night. But at last the young girl appeared. As soon as she had passed his hiding place and was nearly at the end of the path he came out and followed her.

When she turned in order to retrace her steps, she saw him and uttered a cry of surprise. He advanced to meet her, his cap in his hand, and, then, when he was once face to face with her, he told her all, hurriedly, eagerly, mixing everything up together and yet fixing her attention in spite of his incoherency of all he said by the passionate look in his eyes and by the tender inflexion of his voice, in which his whole soul vibrated.

She listened to him in astonishment. Her face was paler than ever with emotion, but she could not find a word to say to him—her ideas seemed to be hopelessly scattered. Her hands were clasped together, and she shuddered perceptibly. It was as though invisible wings were hovering around her in the still blue of the summer evening.

Just like some vision she retreated slowly and then faded from his sight in the gathering darkness amid the trees. As she was going, though, he said hurriedly: "I understand ... it has been so sudden ... you cannot answer me ... Do not tell me now, but at daybreak, when our detachment passes in front of the house ... be there ... make some sign ... smile ... or, at any rate, let me see you open the window even ... nothing else but just that ... and I shall know that you are not angry with me, that I may come and see you again."

When once the young girl was back in the sickroom, she took up her usual place on a low sofa near the bed. The invalid was breathing more regularly and seemed to be sleeping.

Now that she was calmer and could think it all over deliberately she felt deeply touched as she remembered all he had said, and presently a feeling of pride came over her. She was proud to have won the love of such a man, and great tears of happiness gathered in her eyes and rolled slowly down her pale cheeks.

Suddenly, at daybreak, Louise was awakened by a bugle blast, bold, clear, victorious, rousing from slumber the silent fields and the whole country round.

The young girl started up, and she saw a faint, rosy light penetrating through the closed venetian blinds.

In the distance she could hear the confused murmur of men's voices.

An invincible desire took possession of her to break away from her monotonous existence, to live and breathe and to answer the appeal to her love which had so bewildered her yesterday. She went quickly to the window and stretched her two hands up eagerly to open it, fearing to be too late—when a cry of distress stopped her short.

The sick woman, livid and shivering, was sitting up in bed, and seeing what her niece was just going to do she cried out in a hoarse, desperate voice:

"You are opening the window, Louise. ... Whatever possesses you? I am cold—oh, so cold! ... Come here to me. ... Don't leave me. ... Oh, what pain I am in! I am terrified. ... Child! ... I am dying—I know I am."

Just at that moment Louise could hear the measured tread of the soldiers; but, nevertheless, she went to her aunt. As soon as she reached the bedside the sick woman seized her in her arms and kissed her over and over again. But for the first time Louise was impatient and tried to disengage herself from her aunt's embrace. It was as though she were attracted toward the window by some hitherto unknown force, powerful and almost unearthly.

The sick woman took the girl's hand and placed it on her own heart, which was beating wildly. It was enough. ... A deep, an infinite, pity overcame the young girl. ... She resisted no longer, but quietly and submissively sat down on the bed, and, taking the invalid in her arms, she kissed the poor, wrinkled face and soothingly promised never—never to leave her. The two women remained thus, with the blinds still down, while with a measured tread of heavy boots on the pavement and a clanging of steel the soldiers marched on, and on, and on ... until finally Louise heard nothing more but the beating of her own heart.

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In front of the old gray house, holding his sword loosely, Maurice Tournier had felt a terrible pang as he gazed up at those closed blinds. When the detachment had passed, he had stepped short, and then, walking back under pretense of inspecting his men, he had gazed and gazed at that window.

When at last the thick screen of poplar trees hid from him, first, the house, then the square, and last of all the little church, he clinched his teeth tightly together, for he felt sobs rising in his throat, as though they would choke him.

Suddenly, ashamed of his weakness, hardening himself by a tremendous effort of his will against his grief and emotion, he tried to feel anger instead, and he kept repeating to himself:

"It is all her pride and vanity!"

And two lives that might have blended each other were divided forever.—Strand.

### A BUSINESS MAN NEEDED

And the Business Men of Phoenixville Will Indorse John Wanamaker.

PHOENIXVILLE, Dec. 1.—The Phoenixville branch of the National League of Business Men is now organized and the members are encouraged by the assurance that they will be the important factor in all public matters of moment under the coming administration.

The first business to engage the attention of the League is the question of a successor to United States Senator Cameron. The sentiment of the business men is unmistakably in favor of the Hon. John Wanamaker, and last Saturday night this sentiment was forcibly expressed in the following resolutions:

"Whereas, The name of the Hon. John Wanamaker is announced as successor to Senator J. Donald Cameron, and

"Whereas, The public affairs and commercial interests of our country are needing just the kind of management, loyalty and probity that his lifelong career has so potently demonstrated, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we hail his candidacy with great satisfaction, and hasten to unite with the League of Business Men, the Manufacturers' club and the patriotic people of Philadelphia in publicly expressing our hearty indorsement of his name, and further,

"Resolved, That we esteem it cause for public congratulation that Mr. Wanamaker consents to stand for the office, believing, as we do, that his national, state and private history reveal in him the elements of capacity and character which stamp him as a man pre-eminently fitted to direct national counsels for the benefit of the whole people, therefore,

"Resolved, That we hereby pledge ourselves to use all honorable means and influence at our command to accomplish his election."

### Measures Up to the Standard.

John Wanamaker measures up completely to the standard of merit the people have a right to demand of Senator Cameron's successor. He is a citizen of stainless character. He is a business man of approved ability. He is a statesman whose efficiency has already been well tested. And then he is the honest Republican and always has been.—Altoona Tribune.

### The Ablest Aspirant.

Says the Lancaster Spy: "No man was ever named for a public office in Pennsylvania who was as strongly indorsed as John Wanamaker is for the United States senate. He is the ablest man in the state who aspires to the office. He is a business man, a reformer, a statesman, and whatever field he has proved himself a master man."


## BUSINESS MEN AROUSED.

### Rapid Growth of the League Throughout the State.

### WORKING FOR JOHN WANAMAKER.

Branches of the League are Being Formed in All of the Interior Cities and Towns. To Move Toward Weight Standardize's Administration.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—"A business man for a business administration" is the cry that is heard now when the subject of Cameron's successor is mentioned. The Philadelphia business men started it when they made the Hon. John Wanamaker their candidate for the United States senate, and business men all over the state have taken it up.

The whole country is paralyzed by the expectation that seems to have overtaken its industries, but the popular supposition of a revival in all branches under McKinley's administration will not be disappointed if the business men of this state have their way, and there is every indication that they will. They propose to do their share towards helping on a business administration by sending a business man to the United States Senate, and that is why they have selected John Wanamaker as their candidate and that is why they are making use of all their efforts to cause his election.

This is the present most important subject of the League of Business Men. The work of the Philadelphia branch of the National League is being taken up and furthered by co-ordinate branches throughout the state. Organizations have already been formed in many of the interior cities and towns, and where organizations have not been perfected the movement to that end has been begun and will show results before many days.

### Encouraged to Act.

The personal encouragement the Philadelphia business men have received from President-elect McKinley, from Mark Hanna and other of his prominent advisers has undoubtedly had much to do with the rapidity with which the league has spread and is spreading throughout the state. Ordinarily such organizations have a short life and but little weight, but a new era is dawning, and the President-elect having said in so many words that he will rely chiefly upon the business men for whatever assistance he may need, there can be no question as to the influence these organizations will exert in their respective localities.

Major McKinley is pledged to a business administration. He is pledged to bring about a revival, to open the factories, to encourage and to foster the industries. Because of these pledges the business men everywhere, regardless of politics, worked hard and unceasingly during the campaign. The handsome majority he received in the electoral college, the handsome majority of the popular vote were the results of this work.

He has never claimed that his election was anything more than the triumph of a sound business policy. He has said, however, that now the theories must be put into practice, and that to do this he must have the further assistance of all business men. But for this, and but for the direct assurance of those who are close to him, it is doubtful if the Business Men's League ever would have been organized, for whatever great the desire to do so might have been. Practical business men know how futile their efforts would be, unless they had the opportunity to act conjointly with the governing power, and would scarcely waste time of this effort. But now that they have been assured of this opportunity they will work all the harder, and the rapid growth of the league demonstrates this beyond a doubt.

### To Look After Appointments.

The election of a United States senator is not the only object of the Business Men's League. Those who have that idea have but small comprehension of the scope of the movement.

One of the important duties will be to look after the appointments to be made under the new administration. As this will not occupy the attention of the League until next March and later, present energies are being devoted to the campaign for the Hon. John Wanamaker's election to the Senate. It has already been stated by such men as Thomas Dolan and Howard R. French that the president will look to the Business Men's League for indorsement or disapproval of applicants for places.

This will be especially true of the country districts, and the branch organizations in those districts will undoubtedly hold almost imperious sway. Scheming politicians who know that they can not gain the indorsement of the business men of their communities may seek to deny this, and will doubtless endeavor in many ways to attempt to make it appear that it is not so. Yet those who read the signs of the times will acknowledge the truth of it, and the movement will be aided by those who have the sagacity to detect the drift of the current.

The Business Men's League will be the powerful lever under McKinley's administration. There can be no doubt of it, and the politicians who attempt to impede this force will but make themselves sacrifices to their own poor judgment. The organized power of the business men showed its strength in the late presidential campaign, and, as far as this state is concerned, that organization was but trifling as compared to the powerful interests that are assisting now throughout all the country districts.

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# McKean County Miner

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 4, 1896.


ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sir Mckean: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Kane township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

WM P BACKUS.

Eastern Valley, Nov 18, 1896.

Sir McKean: Please announce that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

JAMES C HAMILTON.

Eastern Valley, Dec 1, 1896.

The closing session of the 54th Congress convenes next Monday

BRYAN carried South Dakota by 1,28 plurality A further narrow margin

Out of California's electors has been given to Bryan, which will give him 1 and leave McKinley 270

A local Democratic claim to be followers of Jackson, which wing will be entitled to celebrate Jackson day January 8th

UNCLE SAM is justly proud of the eagle as America's bird of freedom, but the eagle was compelled to take a back seat and let the turkey lead the procession last Thanksgiving day

THE United States treasury has gained $41,000,000 in gold since election The great Republican victory with unbounded confidence from the necessity of another bond issue

THE gold south is gradually breaking up For the first time in twenty years Not a Republican Presidential electo been chosen The States are Delaware, Maryland West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee

IT will be the way matter Hoffor the Johnson Unit was able to up or less 4 or 10 of the Bonds funds in six years, it would be advisable to start a sinking fund for the repayment of bank bonders in their favor

FOR over 12 years Senator John Sherman of Ohio has been an active actor in national affairs, but it seems now as though at the age of a long and well spent life he would be retired and his place given to a younger and more active though less experienced man

THE first duty President elect McKinley will be called upon to perform when he enters the White House on March 4 will be to issue some proclamation to do away with the free soup houses, which have been so generally erected throughout the country under the present administration

HENRY WATTERSON of the Louisville Courier Journal has recently returned from his European tour and with his usual good nature will watch the same rate process of reunion from the church yard to the grave, which he predicted in 1872 at the nomination of Horace Greeley for a third term

THE country is rejoicing in the fact that the country is educated at last We can't swallow enough of any emetic to keep pace with the output for admittance to the front at present Not nearly as many voters as the seven states in the union that certified went into office

IN HOLMES & KNOX'S chances of the open creation of the House grow brighter every day The great Republican stronghold in the northwestern part of the State is showing signs of recovering from its temporary estrangement from the party and Mr Knox would make a popular and able speaker He is to be a good man to have in the house

AS the Republican majority in the south rapidly increases in the four years to come it has in the four years passed the south will be Republican That Republican gain in 1892 and when Bryan was put in the southern states was only 24 The Democratic majority in the south is now 74 in the house

THE Democratic Bradford Star says Boies Penrose has "put upon himself the task of rooting the gray headed corruptionists out of the party because they sought and supported the Chicago platform and all the rest of sustained in the last campaign Instead of driving all lovers of Democracy out he with other unspotted men would be political leaders, and he himself starting to regain the confidence he has had in the old party Plain from silver Dope is the substitution has not its source it was of much easier growth and very short lived Mr Penrose and his would be followers will find it a difficult road to travel their scattered forces sufficiently in 1897 to present any kind of political strength let alone order ing Democrats who stood by their party through thick and thin be over into a minority out of the Democratic organization to which they never belonged

IN the Monday's Bradford Era seems to convey the idea that the sentiment throughout the State in favor of Hon John Wanamaker for United States Senator is unanimous The MINER wishes to state that so far as this section is concerned the esteemed Era is mistaken In a visit by the MINER man to every Republican business man in our town as to their choice for United States Senator they promptly answered, with but one exception that Mr Wanamaker was their choice for that honorable position and our esteemed contemporary will discover before the Senatorial fight is over that the sentiment is strong in almost every section of the State True Mr Wanamaker may be defeated in this campaign, but if he is, his efforts will have accomplished one thing at least, and that is in the future the people of the great State of Pennsylvania will take a hand in the election of United States Senators When the people elect a member to the Assembly he ought at least in all reasons to respect the wishes of his constituents, and not listen to the instructions from a boss If the members are to be guided by the power of one man, why not vote directly for the boss and save all further scramble Let the people say whom they desire for office, and not be led around by the nose any longer They may not succeed the first time but victory will crown their efforts in the end.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Nov 30, 1896.—Senator Sherman, with characteristic promptness and bluntness put his foot down on the sensational stories saying that he had made a deal with President elect McKinley, Gov Bushnell and Chairman Hanna, whereby he was to resign from the Senate to become Secretary of State and Gov Bushnell was to appoint Mr Hanna to succeed him in the Senate. Said Mr Sherman "I have not talked with Mr McKinley nor with Mr Hanna since the election, and no letters have passed between us except on ordinary matters There has not been a word on the subject between either Mr McKinley or Mr Hanna and myself I know Mr Hanna well We are friends. He is a man of lofty purposes and a disinterested gentleman I do not believe he is seeking any office or wants it Mr Sherman also had something to say about the difference of opinion among Republicans as to what should be attempted in the way of legislation at this session of Congress, and he stated the case just as it is when he said that there was no friction among Republicans and no likelihood of differences that would give trouble "The question is one," he added, concerning which men may honestly differ, but all that will be settled in conference"

Senator Quay has reason to feel gratified at the reception his idea for the retirement of the greenbacks is meeting from Senators and Representatives, even if it does not get adopted His idea is to remove the opportunity for raiding the gold in the treasury by replacing the greenbacks with notes payable in gold at the option of the government. He thinks these notes would everywhere be regarded as good as gold that they would be used by the banks to maintain their gold reserve, and that their use would put an end to the much talked about "endless chain" Men who are opposed to further issues of bonds take kindly to Senator Quay's plan, and if no legislation increasing the revenue can be had this winter, they may try to put it through Congress, provided that is endorsed by the Republican caucus.

While Republicans are unanimously in favor of the re election of Speaker Reed, who is not likely to have an opponent before the Republican caucus, the Democrats are actually beginning to fight for the empty honor of the leadership of the House minority, left vacant by the death of ex Speaker Crisp Tennessee has two candidates for the leadership, Richardson and McMillan and Texas has two, Culberson and Bailey and from the manner in which their friends are squabbling it would hardly be supposed by those who did not know that they were after no unsubstantial a thing as the Democratic nomination for Speaker of the next House

There is a decided revival of the talk of organizing a Patent Bar with rules of practice strong enough to make the profession of soliciting patents as honorable as that of practicing in our highest law courts And there is reason enough for the revival too The dishonorable patent lawyer doesn't like to be considered in the same class as the green goods man, the bunco steerer or the silent vender of lottery tickets. But if something isn't done to stop and prevent the bunco offers of alleged would be purchasers of patents and of lottery prizes for ideas whether patentable or not there is grave danger that they will be so associated, certainly in the minds of those who are buncoed by these schemes of doubtful legality and of certain immorality But after all it is the inventor who needs protection the most The U S Courts will give it to him after he gets his patent but it is before he gets his patent that he is skinned, if he doesn't exercise good judgement enough to make his application through honorable patent lawyers, such as would scorn the introduction of lottery methods into their business for the sake of enticing advance fees from the pockets of inventors. If an inventor doesn't know of such a firm he should ask some of friends and take no chances.

Secretary Herbert's report will not be made public until the last of this week, but it can be stated upon good authority that it will take strong grounds in favor of the continued increase of the navy and will recommend that three new battle ships and ten torpedo boats be provided for at this session of Congress

Chairman Hanna is expected to Washington this week, to announce the chairman of the inauguration committee and take other preliminary steps toward making the inauguration of President McKinley the grandest event of its kind in our history It is supposed, but is not certain, that Mr Hanna will appoint Mr S W Woodward the gold Democrat who has been recommended for the position by Col Parker the District of Columbia member of the Republican national committee but whoever he appoints will have the cordial support of the people of Washington regardless of party

EVERY little while the remark is heard among men when they get to discussing national questions, how helpless the United States would be in war with European nations It is true our navy and coast defenses are inadequate, but supposing for argument's sake that a foreign army should succeed in landing upon our shores, it would not be twenty four hours before it would be decimated by desertion to such an extent that it would be harmless When the young soldier discovered that he was sent here to subjugate the land of the free, and fight against relatives, friends and country born, he would not be long in making up his mind that the United States would be a pleasanter home for him than to continue in the service of his European country.

Don't let your child strangle with whooping cough, when a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral can be had for a dollar


## "Saved My Life"

A VETERAN'S STORY.

"Several years ago, while in Fort Snelling, Minn., I caught a severe cold, attended with a terrible cough, that allowed me no rest day or night The doctors after exhausting their remedies, pronounced my case hopeless, saying they could do no more for me At this time a bottle of

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral was sent to me by a friend who urged me to take it, which I did, and soon after I was greatly relieved, and in a short time was completely cured. I have never had much of a cough since that time, and I firmly believe Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved my life." W. H. Watts, 8 Quimby Av., Lowell, Mass.

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## MCKEAN'S BRIGHT FUTURE.

The Kane Republican has the following to say in regard to the future of McKean county, and the advantages that may be derived from its inexhaustable quantities of flint rock for the manufactors of glass

"Many years ago the writer, with others, had specimens of stone, taken from "crystal hill" on the line of the B B & K R R this side of Smethport, analyzed in New York, and the report of that analyzation was 98 per cent. pure crystal and of superior texture for window glass This was years before natural gas had become a factor in the manufacturing business of the world.

"There is no reason why the fires of the window glass manufacturing industry should not be lighted at Mt Jewett as well as at Kane and along the entire gas belt between the two towns The gas pressure is sufficient for a half dozen such establishments and a glass stone of superior texture can be found in unlimited quantities Within sight of the Court House at Smethport is a gas field which is capable of supplying fuel for several flint bottle works There is no place in the country, when cheap fuel and the convenience of securing the best of glass rock is taken into consideration, where the glass bottle business can be carried on to be better advantage than at McKean's county seat The demand for bottles is almost without limit, the market is never glutted

"McKean county should be the great glass manufacturing county of the country The facilities for the profitable prosecution of that industry in all its branches can be excelled nowhere It require capital to establish the works but there is no business which will return the capital to the pockets of those who invest it more rapidly Nature has given to us the resources Will we accept these lavish gifts?"

THE three grand old men of the United States Senate are John Sherman of Ohio, aged 76 years, John M Palmer of Illinois, aged 82 years, and Justice Morrill of Vermont, aged 89 years The first and the last have always been staunch Republicans, while the second has wavered in his views, having been on all sides of the question, and now as he approaches the last notch in four score years he has shown that he held country and honor higher than party affiliations These three battle scarred veterans of many a political fight will form a striking group in the upper House of Congress, their combined ages being almost 250 years. It is doubtful if any nation in the world can produce three men of like age who have been active factors in the political history of their country for a period of almost half a century.

In the proper place will be found the name of George W Hackett who announces himself as a candidate for supervisor Mr Hackett is one of our solid farmers and an excellent citizen, well and favorably known, and if the voters of Keating township should select him as one of her supervisors, there is no question but what he would conscientiously look after the interests of the people

### TESTIMONIALS

From Citizens of Pennsylvania Who Have Been Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr W W Spillen, drug clerk, with J W McConnell Parkesburg Pa., says I was out all one night last winter and contracted a severe cold I was so hoarse for a week I could hardly speak Knowing how well customers of our store spoke of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy I concluded to try it One half of a bottle cured me entirely

I A Van Valzah, Hughesville, Pa., says Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has proven so valuable that I do not hesitate to recommend it to anyone

Dr F Winger Ephrata, Pa., says Mr J D Kline, a cigarmaker of this place, reports a complete cure of his cough with a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after he had tried others which had failed For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by A B Armstrong & Co

Pennsylvania Railroad to Issue Coupon Orders

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for 1897 it will issue clerical orders to regularly ordained clergymen in charge of churches located on or near its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie To secure these orders clergymen should make application to the nearest ticket agent as soon as possible as it is desired that all applications reach the General Office by December 15

Do you know the quickest way to cure a sprain or bruise a burn or scald Such injuries are very common and can be cured quickly if properly treated Mr J M Ammerman of Forks P O Columbia county Pa says I have never found anything to compare with Chamberlain's Pain Balm for sprains bruises and burns We have used it in our family for several years and find that we cannot do without it For sale at 25 cents 50 cents per bottle by A B Armstrong & Co

Rheumatism Cured in a Day

Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia cures all cases in 1 to 3 days The action upon the system is remarkable and in most cases the first dose greatly benefits Cures sold by A B Armstrong, Smethport

Attention

In the Calendar Items of the Bradford Era, dated Nov 4 1896 was an article relating to a merchant and a school teacher The statement made therein is utterly false and the author of the same must suffer the consequences All other correspondents beware of a similar statement You might be called upon to sign a libel as some others have been obliged to do

I STARKS

If you are anxious to find the most reliable blood purifier ever in Ayer's Almanac the testimonials of those who have been cured of such terrible diseases as catarrh rheumatism and scrofula by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Then govern yourself accordingly

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of breaking colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure A W Colegrove, Smethport, A E Stickles, East Smethport.

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People wanting pictures for Christmas should not delay Have a great many to make and therefore cannot rush things R C Gleason

Skates for everybody at Mason's at prices that must suit all


## Blacksmithing.

Anything you need in this line will receive prompt attention if you will bring it to me and the work and price will be right. Carriage painting and wood working departments in connection.

A NEW CARRIAGE

can be purchased here cheaper than elsewhere and it is good, too

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FOR LADIES

Are hard to select, especially when a gentleman is doing the selecting. All that trouble can be done away with by calling at my store where my corps of Lady clerks will help you to decide My stock is large and carefully selected. Below we mention a few of the many useful articles for Ladies and some for Gentlemen too

*Fancy Sofa Pillow tops and Pillows,*
*Material for Fancy Work,*
*Handkerchiefs,*
*Stamped Linens,*
*Laces,*
*Silks,*
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Together With a Fine Line of Millinery.

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Do you want to make a present to some friend? Get something useful and substantial at the

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Where they are closing out the entire stock of Furniture and Housefurnishing goods at Prices never before offered at any other store in town or city. Look at these prices

WILLOW ROCKERS that were $6.50 to $7.00, now $3.90.
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KITCHEN CHAIRS, were 50c, now 38c.

Dining Room Chairs, Lounges Couches and all goods in this store must be disposed of to make room for other Business

We invite Furniture Dealers to examine this stock

We will sell at the lowest MANUFACTURERS PRICES.

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You Will Remember

Your friends at Christmas of course. Every body does that

DO YOU KNOW

That a picture is just the proper thing for a present Do you want to get a crayon.

This gallery has all the latest appliances and the best work manship is guaranteed

Do not wait until the last moment, for it takes time to make pictures.

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SMETHPORT. PA.


### Notice.

In the matter of the petition of Thos H L Wakefield to Common Pleas of McKean County for satisfaction of mortgage. | In the Court of No 51 Dec. term 1896

Please take notice that on the 5th day of October, A D 1896, Thos H L Wakefield presented his petition to the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., which has been entered and filed thereto at the above numbered term, the said petition sets forth the following facts.

That on the 8th day of January, A D 1890, a certain mortgage was executed and delivered by John J. Beaver to W H Simmons said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Recorder in and for McKean county in Mortgage Book, Vol "F," page 24, &c., and said mortgage was assigned to John Meister and J Smith Meister, February 14th, 1891, said assignment being recorded in Mortgage Book "H," page 307, &c.

That the property therein described was afterwards transferred to your petitioner who is now the legal owner of said premises

That the full amount due and owing upon said mortgage has been paid by your petitioner

Wherefore you the said parties named in said John Meister and J Smith Meister, and any and all other parties concerned are hereby required to be and appear at the December term of Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, Pa., to be held at Smethport, Pa., on the 14th day of December 1896, at 2 o'clock p m., to answer to said petition, and show cause if any they have why said mortgage should not be marked satisfied of record

A. B. WALKER, Sheriff.

Smethport, Nov 20th, 1896

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 116, February Term, 1896.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONWEALTH of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting!

Whereas, Edith A. Evans did, on the 7th day of January, 1896, prefer her petition to the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Webster Evans.

We therefore command you, the said Webster Evans, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean on the second Monday of December next to answer the petition or libel of Edith A. Evans, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Edith A. Evans, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

Witness &c.

A. B. WALKER, Sheriff.

W. P. Wilson, Libellant's Attorney

Smethport, Pa., Nov 18, 1896

### Notice.

THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS OF ADMINISTRATORS, Executors and Guardians having been settled in the office of the Register, and by the Court of Orphans, and Clerk of Pennsylvania, the same will be presented for confirmation at an Orphans Court to be held at Smethport, Pa., for said county, on the second Monday of December A. D. 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day

First and final account of Henry Hamlin, Executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth C. Garrett, deceased

First and final account of Maggie Bliss, Administratrix of the estate of Timothy Bligh, deceased.

First and final account of A. A. Caldwell, Administrator of the estate of John Ancelio, deceased.

First and final account of Hunter McKallip, Guardian of Mattie D. Neill, minor child of W. H. Neill, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. H. CROATE, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 17, 1896. G-42.


Cohn Brothers, BRADFORD, PA.

## HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS.

The store takes on its holiday look and appearance. New things for Christmas show themselves at every turn. Stocks are larger, brighter and more varied than ever befoar. The ability to please and sell more cheaply than our competitors has made "the store" what it is—a reliable, honorable, fair dealing, one priced dry goods house

Have you ever written us for samples? All purchases of $5 00 and over we prepay express. We assume express charges one way on goods sent on approval

### Holiday Linens.

Is there a more useful, a more lovely gift than a linen gift? Exclusive designs in linen, napkins, doyls or tea cloths to work that the giver may have to mind Always appreciated, ever acceptable, the pleasure is the giver as well as the receiver. We quote prices on pure linen stuffs only

Pale Linens opaque a few to select from $3 00 a yard.

Napkins to match, 3 and 3½ yards $2 00 to $7 00 a dozen.

3x4 Fringed Table Cloths pure Austrian Linen, $1 15 worth $1 50

Battenburg squares 12x12, 65 cents

Imported hand work Filt shurg squares 12x12, $2 50 worth $4 00

These make beautiful stand covers and table covers and are intended especially for Christmas gifts.

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We are now showing our full assortment and complete lines of ladies and gents holiday handkerchiefs. We have on display over 200 dozen embracing over 200 styles and patterns Among the lot is a line of samples bought by one of the largest handkerchief houses in the world They are neatly mounted on cardboard, no two alike about 500 in all, prices ranging upwards from 4c to $2 00

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Gentlemen's all linen hemstitched full size 15c worth 25c.

About 100 dozen imported Swiss 5 6th's. Large variety of patterns 25c worth 33 and 40c.

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Write or send for sample dozen or half dozen handkerchiefs.

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Nothing else seeing will give you an idea of the variety and elegance of our lace stock. Every design new. All over laces in black and ecru, spangled trimming jets and fronts.

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If you are not a customer of ours it will be worth your time to look over some of the values we are showing We will be glad to show you around, but not a single article will be forced upon you. That is not our way. We tell our clerks, make your interest theirs.

Everything here will stand investigation, comparison, qualities, prices.

We are going to put our best foot forward this coming season. Think we can show you the handsomest stock of Dry Goods ever brought into this town

UNDERWEAR—Never before in the history of this store have we been able to show you such a large stock and high grade of Underwear Prices to compete with the very low prices of farm products. Gentlemen don't be delicate about visiting the Dry Goods Store It is the proper place to buy your Underwear.

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CAPES AND JACKETS we have little to say about, but what we do want to say is, do not go and buy a Cape or Jacket elsewhere, and then come here and find you could save from $2.00 to $3.00 by looking over our large sample book of over 500 different styles, for that you will do. All we ask is a visit before you buy.

MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS—Whatever your needs may be, they can be best supplied here at the smallest cost. We are showing the latest styles in Hats and Caps.

It makes no difference what you may want in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, you can find that your money goes farthest when spent at the store of

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Smethport, Penna.

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Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, Rubbers.

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HOLIDAY GOODS DISPLAY

We will place our stock of CLOAKS, CAPES and MILLINERY GOODS at prices greatly below cost. All goods are of the latest designs.

Those desiring anything in the above lines, will do well to avail themselves of the advantages of this Special Sale—which, owing to the cut in prices, will not last long.

We have have received our HOLIDAY GOODS, which includes a very nice line of Women's and Men's Slippers.

If in search of bargains remember our

REDUCTION SALE.

Smethport, Dec. 2, 1896. MRS. T. D. NASH.

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## HOLIDAY GOODS AT LOW PRICES.

We have placed on sale the largest line of medium priced Holiday goods ever shown in this section. Our line of pictures is very large, a special line of unframed subjects at 5c each. Fine photo's of American and foreign scenes 10c each. Various Madonas, all subjects, framed and unframed 25c and up. Longfellow, Bryant, Whittier, Mozart and all the popular poets and composers, (22x28 pictures unframed) $1.25 Large line of medalions 50c up to $7. Picture framing to order.

100 Ladies writing desks, oak, mahogany and birch, $5.50 to $25. The desk at $5.50 is a bargain, as good as the average $8.00 desk.

Fancy rockers in great variety, oak, birch, mahogany, bird's eye maple, white and Hungarian ash Prices $1.10 for oak and up. Parlor tables in the new shapes and finishes. A great value at $5.00. Brass and onyx tops, oak and mahogany tops, brass and French gilt legs. Dining tables and side boards, book cases, China cabiuets, fancy screens, brass and iron bed room suites, parlor suites. Any of these would make your home cheerful and the **PRICES** (we will tell you a well known secret) are **LOW**.

Pretty carpet, rug, draperies, lace curtains, carpet sweeper, baby carriage, robes and hundreds of pretty and useful articles for gifts. Anything you buy in our line will be of some use as keep no trash, but goods which we know will wear well, look well and be satisfactory in price.

Remember Xmas is only three week's from Friday, and "The Early Bird etc." All Holiday goods stored free until wanted.

Remember we pay the freight and sew the carpet free.

**ANDREWS & CONKLING,**

**127-129 UNION ST., OLEAN, N. Y.**

## STOVES.

**This store sells 500 stoves a year, and this is how we do it: We buy enough to buy low; we sell low to sell enough to buy low; we show an enormous variety--54 styles in stock.**

5 Styles Radiant Home Heaters, $8 to $20.
4 " Reliable Heaters, $3 to $12.
4 " Pure Air Heaters, $12 to $18.
4 " Vulcan Heaters, $2 75 to $9.
6 " Mantel Heaters, open fire-places.
9 " Wood Heaters, $6.75 to $15.
11 " Reliable Ranges, $13.56 to $42.
9 " Sure Luck Ranges, $24 to $35.
4 " Other Ranges, $13 to $20.

**This enormous stock offers everybody exactly the stove they want, at the price they want**

## LAMP BARGAINS.

**Hundreds of lamps here being sold under market prices. We bought them when lamp makers badly wanted to sell. Only room for two prices here.**

Rochester Banquet Lamps, 18 in. high, embossed head, Mexican onyx columns, 4 in. ring for globe. Three styles. **$1.75**

Rochester Banquet Lamps, 20 in. high, inlaid cloessonne column, gold on colored groundwork. **$3.25**

## CHINA.

Dinner Sets from $7 up.
Haviland Tea Sets—new—$10.
Open stock Dinner Sets—one piece, or a dozen.
Bargain counter—25c. for anything on it.
We sell Haviland ware—our own direct importations—at 20 per cent. less than Buffalo and Pittsburg prices.

**L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,**

**Bradford, Pa.**

EMERY & WEAVER.

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling

Seely's New Society Perfume, Ave Maria, is an exquisite production of daintiness. It is a Society Fad among refined people from ocean to ocean, and is considered the proper thing by all persons who give perfume using more than a passing thought. Sprays from an Ave Maria atomizer captivate you at once; and, by the way, if you are at all interested in "Soap Nicety" and perfection, let us show you Seely's Almond Milk Soap, the great skin beautifier. Fine enough for Queen Victoria, but not a bit too nice for you. Our price, 10c a cake. Money cheerfully given back if you yourself do not think it the equal of any 25c Soap in the market.

THE PALACE PHARMACY.

A. W. COLEGROVE, PROP'R.

## SPECHT & SASSE,

THE OLD RELIABLE

**FURNITURE DEALERS,**

Are better prepared than ever to fill your wants in their line. Their stock is full and complete. Their prices at rock-bottom.

Do not fail to give them a call.

UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

## JONES & CHURCH,

DEALERS IN **Fresh and Salt Meats, Sausage, Poultry, Vegetables, Apples, Fresh Fish, Oysters, Home-Made Mince Meat,**

Highest Cash Price Paid for Fat Stock, Poultry, Hides, Pelts, Etc.

WILLIAMS' OLD STAND.


THE VARIETY

Headquarters for Holiday Goods,

W. H. OLMSTED, Prop'r,

SMETHPORT, PENN'A

GRAND CENTRAL BLOCK

For

# CHRISTMAS

We have made extensive preparations for the coming

## GIFT SEASON,

and as a result of our efforts we are showing a line of

## Holiday Attractions

which far outstrips our previous endeavors to supply the demand for

## SUITABLE PRESENTS

which go to make glad the hearts of

## Old and Young

on that memorable day, the

## 25th of December.

In addition to our other departments which are overflowing with

## STAPLE GOODS,

we are display ng an immense assortment of productions of excellence's

## 1897 Designs.

Space permits the enumeration of but a few

Art Frames
Vases
Cups and Saucers
Coronation Cups
Delft Ware
Candle Sticks
Toast Dishes
Fancy Olive Dishes
Stamp Trays
Tooth Pick Holders
Fruit Knives
Individual Cream Pitchers
Dolls
Toys
Books
Booklets
Bookmarkers
Epworth Leagues Badges
Jewelry
Hair Pins
Pocket Books
Handkerchiefs
Fancy Silks
New Silkolines
Neckwear.

Largest Assortment.
Right Prices.

Coats and Fur Capes,

Fur Trimmings
Angora and Thibet Sets.
(FOR CHILDREN.)

Our

SHOE DEPARTMENT

is well stocked with
UP-TO-DATE FOOTWEAR.

The

Grocery Department

is complete offering all the season's delicacies.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.

GENERAL MERCHANTS,
Smethport, Pa.

Mention the *Miner* when writing or calling.



**McKean County Miner**

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second class mail matter

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, DEC. 4, 1896


## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Read Dr. Sellers's notice to horsemen.

—Howard Patterson is truly the fastest friend.

—Mercury was at 12 above zero yesterday morning.

—Read Dr. Lloyd's laundry ads. in another column.

—Read Marcus' ads. in this week's issue of something new and choice.

—Dr. Shaw will be in Smethport next Tuesday for this month.

—Read Dr. Lloyd's laundry ads. in another column.

—Our wall paper line is complete and responsible. Keep it in mind this week. Olean House Block.

—Colin Ross of Bradford has sent a interesting advertisement to this week's issue.

—Thanksgiving day will be observed in Olean as a holiday.

—Farmers generally can't afford to miss the meeting next week of the Farmers and Breeders Association.

—Capt. Hart was heard to remark Tuesday that it was a fine wedding and made him feel like a boy again.

—Mrs J. W. Reed wishes to say to the ladies of Smethport that she has returned from the city and has opened up a full line of millinery. Call and see her.

—Editor W. H. Partridge of the Bradford Star, Postmaster Congdon of Olean and Editor Pelton of Port Allegany were in town Monday.

—Dr. Kinney's office will be closed from Dec. 5th to 15th inclusive. Dr. Kinney will be found at the office of Dr. Shaw, Olean, during this time.

—Attention is called to Keith & Perry's ad. in this week's issue. Their line of carpets, rugs, oil cloths, etc., is complete and prices right. Call and examine.

—The Farmers and Breeders Association will hold a meeting in the court house on Tuesday, Dec. 15th, at 10 o'clock a. m. All farmers and breeders are cordially invited to attend.

—Rev. Mr. Hall, pastor of the Methodist church, has been appointed by the Presiding Elder to fill the pulpit of the Methodist church at Port Allegany next Sunday morning, Dec. 6th.

—Mrs. Howard Merrill of Geneva, N. Y., arrived last Tuesday evening and is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamlin.

—Mrs. Myrtle Peck of Utica, N. Y., has been spending the past few days with Mrs. V. Dugel and other intimate friends of this place.

—Gen. A. Northrup of the Fraternal News and J. H. Lewis of Kane kindly remembered the Miner last Wednesday while sojourning in town.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Sartwell went to Utica Thanksgiving day and helped their son, U. L. and his esteemed better half eat up the turkey drum sticks provided for the occasion.

—Jack Green and Lon Morse of Olean were in town on Sunday last. Both were old Smethport boys in the good old days when Smethport was a live town.

—Miss Mabel Sartwell left for Utica Wednesday morning to visit friends for a few days.

—Miss Lizzie Chambers visited Olean friends Wednesday.

—Mrs. Anson Burdick visited Ormsby friends last Wednesday.

—Sheridan Gorton visited Kane on legal business Tuesday.

—Judge Morrison held argument court in Bradford Wednesday.

—Frank Shelander of Kasson remembered the Miner last Monday.

—B. F. Hazelton of Bradford was in town on business Tuesday.

—Miss Rosie Curtis spent Thanksgiving in Bradford returning Monday.

—Jessie Haley of Mt. Alton was a guest of Miss Rosie Curtis this week.

—H. M. Sanders of Farmers Valley has moved his family to Bradford.

—Mrs. J. W. Reilly visited Buffalo Wednesday, returning Thursday evening.

—Miss Edna Brennan visited relatives in Mt. Jewett the latter part of last week.

—W. C. Underdrich of Philadelphia, the insurance adjuster, was in town yesterday.

—J. H. Tate, one of Clermont's most popular citizens, was in town Wednesday night.

—M. A. Colvin of Cuba, N. Y., was here the forepart of the week greeting old friends.

—The veteran, Squire Mosel of Eldred was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

—A. H. Cullit of Kane, superintendent of the gas company, was in town last Saturday.

—Mrs. Andrew Reilly visited her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Greer, at Kane the first of the week.

—Mrs. I. C. Wareman came up from Eldred yesterday and was a guest at the Grand Central.

—T. J. Davis of Sawyer City came over yesterday to visit his brother, Sheriff elect J. J. Davis.

—Judge I. A. Morrison inspected the A. P. Jones Tool Co.'s K. of K. at Coudersport last Saturday.

—W. J. Kessell, the popular plumber, of Coudersport was transacting business here Wednesday.

—Chas. Rogers inspected the K. of K. at Port Allegany last Saturday afternoon.

—Miss Belle Arbey went to Port Allegany Tuesday to assist in Reilly & Billingsfelt's millinery store at that place.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Cotter of Eldred attended the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mayo.

—Miss Nellie Holland of Dunkirk, and G. M. Morrison of Kane, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Morrison Sunday.

—Justice C. Steinhauer, one of Clermont's leading citizens, kindly remembered the Miner last Wednesday while in town.

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